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Mag claims CIA aide is also agent for Soviet

Washington (UPI)—A Soviet KGB intelligence agent, who defected in 1964 and works for the CIA as a \$50,000-a-year consultant, is believed to be a double agent still working for Moscow, according to a forthcoming Reader's Digest article made available yesterday.

"Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, a Soviet defector who has become a trusted CIA consultant, is believed by important segments of the U.S. intelligence and political communities to be a double agent still serving the Soviet Union," the magazine said in a summary of a 10-page article by Henry Hurt to be published in the October issue.

"Moreover, top secret FBI findings disclosed for the first time by Hurt declared that another Russian, code-named Fedora, was actually a double agent under Moscow's control during the 15 years he was believed to be spying for the United States," it said.

"Ominously, key points establishing Nosenko's credibility came from the corroboration of his stories by Fedora."

Asked to comment, a CIA spokesman referred to a statement issued Sept. 21, 1978, which described Nosenko as "a well-adjusted American citizen utilized as a consultant by the CIA and making a valuable contribution to our mission."

The statement followed revelations during the 1977-1978 hearings of the House Assassinations Committee that the CIA first was so distrustful of Nosenko's credentials that they kept him a prisoner for five years—three in solitary confinement at a "safe house" somewhere in Virginia—before rehabilitating him in 1963.